



2005 Consumer Choice Pharmacy Guide to Low-Cost Medications

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About Your Guide to Low-Cost Medications

This list of medications can help maximize your new Consumer Choice Pharmacy benefit. When your doctor prescribes medications from this list, he or she is helping you make the most of your pharmacy benefit and control your prescription medication costs. It is not required that you choose medications from this list; however, this Guide can help you understand which medications will cost less money, but are still safe and effective therapy for you.

All the specially selected medications listed below have received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval as being safe and effective. To have FDA approval, a generic drug must have an identical amount of the same active ingredient(s), in the same strength and dosage, as its brand-name counterpart, and it must work in the body the same way. All medications on this list have been chosen by a committee of physicians and pharmacists.

How to Use This Guide to Low-Cost Medications

Use this Guide to locate the lowest-cost brand and generic medication alternatives that may be less-costly choices than the highest-cost brand medications available. Share this Guide with your doctor, and encourage him or her to authorize a generic alternative for you whenever appropriate.

Cost and Medication Options

These are the two types of medications and their cost options you should consider:

- **Generic drugs:** Generic medications are usually the least-costly medications. They are listed in this Guide in lower-case letters.
- **Lowest-cost brand choices:** These are certain brand-name medications that cost less than other brands, but still cost more than generics. They are listed in this Guide in all UPPER-CASE LETTERS.

Costs and coverage of medications and medication categories can vary. This Guide is meant to be a source of general information.

Medications Not Found on This Guide

Due to space limitations, not all medications are listed on this Guide. If you are unable to locate your medication on this list, please remember the following:

- Most generic medications cost the least.
- For easy reference, when a medication is used to treat more than one condition, it will usually be listed under only one category. Check different categories for your medication.
- Your medication may have been added to the list after it was printed.
- Highest-cost brands and brands that have an available generic version are not listed on this Guide. When a generic version of a brand-name medication becomes available, that brand-name medication becomes the highest-cost choice and is *not* listed on this Guide because it does not minimize costs as effectively as other medications listed.

For More Information About This Guide

This Guide may change to reflect current medication availability and comparative costs. You can find the most recent update by logging on to the Walgreens Health Initiatives web site at www.mywhi.com and clicking on Guide to Low-Cost Medications.

Please note: This Guide is subject to change without notice. For assistance, please contact our customer care center at 1-800-207-2568.

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Under each therapeutic class category heading, generic medications are listed in lower-case (small) letters and lowest-cost brand choices are listed in UPPER-CASE (CAPITAL) letters.

ANTIASTHMATICS AND COPD

BRONCHIAL DILATORS

albuterol inhaler
albuterol sulfate solution
albuterol sulfate syrup
albuterol sulfate tablets
ipratropium bromide
ALUPENT
ATROVENT

COMBIVENT
FORADIL
PROVENTIL HFA

BRONCHIAL DILATOR AND GLUCOCORTICOID COMBINATIONS

ADVAIR DISKUS

CORTICOSTEROID INHALED MEDICATIONS

FLOVENT

PULMICORT RESPULES
PULMICORT
TURBUHALER
SPIRIVA

LEUKOTRIENE RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

SINGULAIR

MAST CELL STABILIZERS

cromolyn nebulized solution

INTAL INHALER

ANTI-INFECTIVES

ANTIFUNGAL AGENTS

fluconazole
ketoconazole
nystatin
GRIS-PEG
LAMISIL
VFEND

ANTIMALARIAL AGENTS

hydroxychloroquine
mefloquine
MALARONE

ANTIPARASITIC AND ANTIPROTOZOAL AGENTS

mebendazole
metronidazole
OVIDE

ANTIVIRALS
acyclovir
CYTOMEGALOVIRUS
VALCYTE
HERPES
VALTREX

CEPHALOSPORINS
1ST GENERATION
cefadroxil
cephalexin
2ND GENERATION
cefaclor
cefuroxime
CEFZIL
3RD GENERATION
OMNICEF

INTRAVAGINAL ANTIBIOTICS
terconazole 0.8% vaginal cream
METROGEL-VAGINAL GEL

MACROLIDES
erythromycin oral
BIAXIN
BIAXIN XL
ZITHROMAX

NITROFURAN DERIVATIVES
nitrofurantoin macrocrystals

PENICILLINS
amoxicillin
amoxicillin trihydrate/
potassium clavulanate
ampicillin
dicloxacillin
penicillin VK
AUGMENTIN ES-600
SUSPENSION
AUGMENTIN XR

QUINOLONES
ciprofloxacin
ofloxacin
TEQUIN

SULFONAMIDES
sulfamethoxazole/
trimethoprim
GANTRISIN

TETRACYCLINES
doxycycline hyclate
minocycline
tetracycline

TUBERCULOSIS AGENTS
isoniazid
rifampin

MISCELLANEOUS ANTIBIOTICS
clindamycin oral

BLOOD FORMATION AND COAGULATION

ANTICOAGULANTS
warfarin
COUMADIN

PLATELET INHIBITORS
dipyridamole
pentoxifylline ext-rel
PLAVIX

MISCELLANEOUS
AGRYLIN
MEPHYTON

CANCER THERAPY

All oral agents under this class are on the Preferred Medication List (PML), if FDA approved.

CARDIOVASCULAR

BLOOD PRESSURE AGENTS

ACE INHIBITORS
benazepril
captopril
enalapril
fosinopril
lisinopril
moexipril
MAVIX

ACE INHIBITOR COMBINATIONS
benazepril/hctz
captopril/hctz
enalapril/hctz
lisinopril/hctz
quinapril/hctz
LOTREL

ANGIOTENSIN RECEPTOR BLOCKERS (ARBs)
BENICAR

ANGIOTENSIN RECEPTOR BLOCKERS (ARBs) COMBINATIONS
BENICAR HCT

BETA-BLOCKERS
acebutolol
atenolol
labetalol
metoprolol
nadolol
propranolol
sotalol
COREG
INNOPRAN XL
TOPROL XL

BLOOD PRESSURE AGENTS—COMBINATION
atenolol/chlorthalidone
bisoprolol/hctz

CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS
diltiazem ext-rel
nifedipine ext-rel

verapamil
verapamil ext-rel
NORVASC

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS
clonidine
guanfacine
hydralazine
methyl dopa
CATAPRES-TTS

VASODILATORS
isosorbide mononitrate ext-rel
nitroglycerin

CHOLESTEROL AGENTS

CHOLESTEROL BINDING AGENTS
cholestyramine
CHOLESTID

CHOLESTEROL REDUCING AGENTS—MISCELLANEOUS
gemfibrozil
LOFIBRA 200MG CAPSULE
NIASPAN
VYTORIN
ZETIA

CHOLESTEROL REDUCING AGENTS—STATINS
lovastatin
CRESTOR
LIPITOR

DIURETICS

LOOP
bumetanide
furosemide
torsemide

POTASSIUM SPARING
spironolactone

POTASSIUM SPARING COMBINATIONS
amiloride/hctz
spironolactone/hctz
triamterene/hctz

THIAZIDES
hydrochlorothiazide
metolazone

HEART RHYTHM STABILIZERS

amiodarone

DIGITALIS GLYCOSIDES
digoxin
LANOXICAPS
LANOXIN

MISCELLANEOUS

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS

ALZHEIMER AGENTS
ARICEPT
EXELON
NAMENDA
REMINYL

ANALGESICS

NARCOTICS
acetaminophen/codeine
butalbital/caffeine/
acetaminophen/codeine
hydrocodone/acetaminophen
meperidine
morphine sulfate ext-rel
oxycodone
oxycodone/acetaminophen
propoxyphene/acetaminophen
DURAGESIC
OXYCONTIN

NON-NARCOTICS (NSAIDS)
diclofenac sodium
etodolac
ibuprofen
indomethacin
ketorolac
nabumetone
naproxen
naproxen sodium
oxaprozin
sulindac

NON-NARCOTIC AGENTS—ASPIRIN CONTAINING
butalbital compound

NON-NARCOTIC AGENTS—OTHER
butalbital/acetaminophen/
caffeine

MISCELLANEOUS
tramadol

ANTI-ANXIETY AGENTS

alprazolam
buspirone
diazepam
lorazepam
oxazepam

ANTICONVULSANTS

carbamazepine
clonazepam
phenobarbital
phenytoin ext-rel
primidone
valproic acid
CARBATROL
DEPAKENE
DEPAKOTE
DEPAKOTE ER
DIASTAT
DILANTIN
GABITRIL
KEPPRA
LAMICTAL
NEURONTIN
PHENYTEK
TEGRETOL
TEGRETOL XR
TRILEPTAL
TOPAMAX
ZONEGRAN

ANTIDEPRESSANTS

ALPHA-2 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST
mirtazapine

mirtazapine soltab

NDRI
bupropion
bupropion ext-rel

SARI
trazodone

SNRI
EFFEXOR
EFFEXOR XR

SSRI
fluoxetine
paroxetine
LEXAPRO

TCA
amitriptyline
desipramine
doxepin
imipramine hcl
nortriptyline

MISCELLANEOUS
SYMBYAX

ANTIPARKINSONISM AGENTS

ANTICHOLINERGIC
amantadine
benztropine
trihexylphenidyl

MISCELLANEOUS
carbidopa/levodopa
pergolide
COMTAN
MIRAPEX
REQUIP
STALEVO

ANTIPSYCHOTICS
haloperidol
RISPERDAL
SEROQUEL
ZYPREXA
ZYPREXA ZYDIS

ATTENTION DEFICIT—HYPERACTIVITY (ADHD)
amphetamine mixed salts
methylphenidate
ADDERALL XR
CONCERTA
METADATE CD
STRATTERA

BIPOLAR AGENTS
lithium carbonate
lithium carbonate ext-rel
ESKALITH CR
LITHOBID

MIGRAINE AGENTS
RELPAK
ZOMIG
ZOMIG ZMT

SLEEP AIDS
flurazepam
hydroxyzine
temazepam
triazolam
AMBIEN

Generic medications are sometimes given specific names by their manufacturers for ease of reference. These are listed in brackets “[]” after the generic name.

COUGH, COLD, AND ALLERGY AGENTS

ANTIALLERGY—ANTIHISTAMINE AGENTS
ZYRTEC
ZYRTEC-D

COUGH AND COLD PREPARATIONS
benzonatate
promethazine/codeine

EXPECTORANTS
guaifenesin
guaifenesin/codeine
guaifenesin/pseudoephedrine ext-rel
hydrocodone/guaifenesin

DIABETIC AGENTS AND MONITORING

ANTIDIABETIC AGENTS—ORAL
glipizide
glipizide ext-rel
glyburide
glyburide/metformin
glyburide micronized
metformin
metformin ext-rel
ACTOS
AMARYL
AVANDAMET
AVANDIA
METAGLIP
PRANDIN
PRECOSE
STARLIX

BLOOD SUGAR DIAGNOSTICS
ACCU-CHEK

BLOOD SUGAR INCREASING AGENTS
GLUCAGON EMERGENCY KIT

INSULINS
HUMALOG
HUMALOG MIX 75/25
HUMULIN L
HUMULIN N
HUMULIN R
HUMULIN U
HUMULIN 50/50
HUMULIN 70/30
LANTUS
NOVOLIN INNOLET 70/30
NOVOLIN INNOLET N
NOVOLIN L
NOVOLIN N
NOVOLIN R
NOVOLIN 70/30
NOVOLOG
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30
NOVOPEN

EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT AGENTS

ALLERGY AGENTS AND ANTIHISTAMINES—EYE
cromolyn 4% ophthalmic drops
ALAMAST

ALLERGY AGENTS—NOSE
flunisolide
NASACORT AQ

ANTIBIOTICS—EAR
FLOXIN OTIC

ANTIBIOTICS—EYE
erythromycin ophthalmic
gentamicin ophthalmic
neomycin/polymyxin B/
bacitracin ointment
neomycin/polymyxin B/
gramicidin solution
ofloxacin 0.3% ophthalmic solution
polymyxin B/trimethoprim
sulfacetamide 10% ophthalmic drops
tobramycin ophthalmic
QUIXIN
TOBRADEX
VIGAMOX
ZYMAR

ANTIHISTAMINES—NOSE
ASTELIN

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS—EYE
neomycin/polymyxin B/
dexamethasone
prednisolone 1% ophthalmic drops
ACULAR
ACULAR LS
ALREX
LOTEMAX
VOLTAREN OPHTHALMIC

ANTIVIRAL AGENTS—EYE
trifluridine

GLAUCOMA AGENTS
pilocarpine
timolol maleate
ALPHAGAN P
BETIMOL
COSOPT
LUMIGAN
TRUSOPT
XALATAN

NOSE AND EAR TOPICAL PREPARATIONS
antipyrine/benzocaine otic
BACTROBAN NASAL

MISCELLANEOUS
atropine 1% ophthalmic drops
atropine 1% ophthalmic ointment

GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS

ANTISPASMODICS
dicyclomine

CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISORDERS

ASACOL
CANASA
COLAZAL
ENTOCORT EC
PENTASA
ROWASA

DIARRHEA TREATMENTS
diphenoxylate/atropine

GASTRIC ACID SECRETION REDUCERS/ ULCER THERAPY

cimetidine
famotidine
misoprostol
nizatidine
omeprazole
ranitidine tablets
sucralfate
PREVACID SOLU TAB

INTESTINAL MOTILITY STIMULANTS
metoclopramide

LAXATIVES
GOLYTELY
MIRALAX

NAUSEA AGENTS
meclizine
prochlorperazine
promethazine
trimethobenzamide
ZOFRAN
ZOFRAN ODT

PANCREATIC ENZYMES
pancreatic enzyme preparations
CREON
ENZYMAX
KU-ZYME
KU-ZYME HP
PANCREASE HP
PANCREASE MT
ULTRASE
VIOKASE

MISCELLANEOUS
sulfasalazine
ursodiol
URSO

HIV AGENTS

All medications used for the treatment of HIV are on the PML, if FDA approved.

HORMONES

ANTIDIURETIC AND VASOPRESSOR HORMONES
DDAVP tablets

CONTRACEPTIVES BIPHASIC
ethinyl estradiol/desogestrel [Kariva]
ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone [Necon]

MONOPHASIC
ethinyl estradiol/desogestrel [Apri]
ethinyl estradiol/ethynodiol [Zovia]
ethinyl estradiol/levonorgestrel [Aviane, Lessina, Levora, Portia]
ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone [Microgestin, Necon, Nortrel]
ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone/iron [Microgestin Fe]
ethinyl estradiol/norgestimate [Sprintec 28]
ethinyl estradiol/norgestrel [Cryselle, Low-Ogestrel, Ogestrel]

PROGESTIN
norethindrone [Camila, Errin, Nora-BE]

TRIPHASIC
ethinyl estradiol/desogestrel [Velivet 28]
ethinyl estradiol/levonorgestrel [Enpresse, Trivora-28]
ethinyl estradiol/norethindrone [Nortrel 7/7/7]
ethinyl estradiol/norgestimate [TriNessa, Tri-Sprintec]

ESTROGENIC AGENTS AND COMBINATIONS

estradiol
estradiol transdermal
estropipate
ACTIVEVILLA
ALORA
CENESTIN
CLIMARA (0.025mg/day and 0.075 mg/day)
COMBIPATCH
ESTRACE CREAM
PREMARIN
PREMARIN VAGINAL
PREMPHASE
PREMPRO
SYNTEST
SYNTEST HS

GLUCOCORTICOIDS
dexamethasone
hydrocortisone
methylprednisolone
prednisolone 15mg/5ml syrup
prednisone
ORAPRED

OSTEOPOROSIS AGENTS
ACTONEL
EVISTA

PROGESTINS
medroxyprogesterone acetate

THYROID HORMONES
levothyroxine sodium [Levoxy, Unithroid]
methimazole
ARMOUR THYROID (15mg, 30mg, 120mg, 180mg, tablets)
CYTOMEL
SYNTHROID
THYROLAR

MISCELLANEOUS
bromocriptine
DOSTINEX

IMMUNE SYSTEM AGENTS

All oral immuno-suppressant agents under this class are on the PML, if FDA approved.

MUSCULOSKELETAL AGENTS

ARTHRITIS AGENTS

CYCLOOXYGENASE (COX-2) INHIBITORS
BEXTRA
CELEBREX

GOUT AGENTS

allopurinol
colchicine
probenecid

MUSCLE RELAXANTS

baclofen
carisoprodol
cyclobenzaprine
methocarbamol
tizanidine
DANTRIUM

SKIN AND MUCOUS MEMBRANE AGENTS

ACNE AGENTS—ORAL
isotretinoin [Amnesteem, Claravis]

ACNE AGENTS—TOPICAL
tretinoin
AZELEX 20% CREAM

ROSACEA AGENTS
metronidazole topical cream
FINACEA 15% GEL

VITAMIN A AGENTS
DIFFERIN

ANTIBIOTICS

clindamycin/benzoyl gel [Duac]
clindamycin topical
erythromycin/benzoyl gel
erythromycin topical

silver sulfadiazine
BACTROBAN

ANTIFUNGALS

ciclopirox 0.77% solution
clotrimazole/betamethasone
ketoconazole 2% cream
nystatin powder
nystatin/triamcinolone

**ANTINEOPLASTICS AND
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS
(DERMATITIS)**

CARAC
EFUDEX
ELIDEL
PROTOPIC

ANTIPSORIATIC AGENTS

TAZORAC

ANTIVIRALS

CONDYLOX

CORTICOSTEROIDS

Listed by potency: Group I is most potent; Group IV is least potent.

GROUP I

betamethasone dipropionate
0.05% ointment, augmented
clobetasol 0.05% cream
clobetasol 0.05% gel
clobetasol 0.05% ointment

GROUP II

betamethasone dipropionate
0.05% cream
betamethasone dipropionate
0.05% ointment
betamethasone valerate
0.1% ointment
desoximetasone 0.25% cream
fluocinonide 0.05% cream
fluocinonide 0.05% gel
fluocinonide 0.05% ointment
triamcinolone 0.5% cream
triamcinolone 0.5% ointment

GROUP III

betamethasone dipropionate
0.05% lotion
betamethasone valerate
0.1% cream
betamethasone valerate
0.1% lotion
fluocinolone 0.025% cream
fluocinolone 0.025% ointment
hydrocortisone valerate
0.2% cream
hydrocortisone valerate
0.2% ointment
mometasone furoate
0.1% ointment
triamcinolone 0.025% cream
triamcinolone 0.025% lotion
triamcinolone
0.025% ointment
triamcinolone 0.1% cream
triamcinolone 0.1% lotion
triamcinolone 0.1% ointment
DIPROLENE LOTION

GROUP IV

desonide 0.05% cream
desonide 0.05% lotion
desonide 0.05% ointment
fluocinolone 0.01% solution
hydrocortisone 1% cream
hydrocortisone 1% lotion
hydrocortisone 2.5% cream
hydrocortisone 2.5% lotion
hydrocortisone 2.5% ointment

UROLOGIC AGENTS

**BENIGN PROSTATIC
HYPERTROPHY**

ALPHA BLOCKERS
doxazosin
terazosin
FLOMAX

VOIDING AGENTS

oxybutynin
DETROL
DETROL LA
OXYTROL

URINARY PH MODIFIERS

UROCI-T-K

**URINARY TRACT
ANESTHETICS AND
ANALGESICS**

phenazopyridine
ELMIRON

**VITAMINS, MINERALS,
AND ELECTROLYTES**

All generic prenatal vitamins are on the PML.

**ELECTROLYTE
REPLACEMENTS**

potassium chloride ext-rel

**ELECTROLYTE
STABILIZERS**

PHOSLO

**MISCELLANEOUS
AGENTS**

**ANTIALLERGIC/
ANAPHYLAXIS**

ANA-KIT
EPIPEN
EPIPEN JR.

**DRY MOUTH—
SJOJREN'S SYNDROME**

EVOXAC
SALAGEN

MASTOCYTOSIS

GASTROCROM

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

pyridostigmine
MESTINON SYRUP
MESTINON TIMESPAN

**SPECIALTY PHARMACY
CATEGORIES**

ANTIBIOTICS

TOBI

**ANTIHEMOPHILIC
FACTORS**

ADVATE
HELIXATE
HUMATE
KOGENATE
RECOMBINATE

**ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
AGENTS/DMARDS**

ENBREL
HUMIRA
KINERET

**ANTIPARKINSONISM
AGENTS**

APOKYN

**BLOOD CELL
STIMULATORS**

RED BLOOD CELLS
EPOGEN
PROCRIT

WHITE BLOOD CELLS
NEUPOGEN

ENZYMES

ALDURAZYME
CEREZYME
PULMOZYME

GROWTH HORMONES

GENOTROPIN
HUMATROPE
NORDITROPIN
NUTROPIN
NUTROPIN AQ
NUTROPIN DEPOT
PROTROPIN
SAIZEN
SEROSTIM

OTHER HORMONES
SANDOSTATIN

**HEPARIN AND RELATED
AGENTS (LMWH)**

FRAGMIN
LOVENOX

**HEPATITIS TREATMENT
AGENTS**

HEPATITIS B
EPIVIR-HBV
HEPSERA

HEPATITIS C
ribavirin
INFERGEN
PEG-INTRON
PEGASYS
REBETRON

IMMUNOMODULATORS
INTRON A
ROFERON-A

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS
AGENTS**

AVONEX
BETASERON
COPAXONE
NOVANTRONE
REBIF

PSORIASIS

AMEVIVE
RAPTIVA

OSTEOPOROSIS AGENTS

FORTEO

MISCELLANEOUS

LUPRON
SYNAGIS